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2. COTE D'IVOIRE

\*\*\* LE MONDE 1/21/2006

- "CALM RESTORED IN ABIDJAN WHERE ROADBLOCKS HAVE BEEN  
LIFTED", by special correspondent in Abidjan Jean-Philippe Remy
- "SECURITY COUNCIL MOVING TOWARD SANCTION", by correspondent  
in New York Philippe Bolopion
- "ON THE TRAIL OF THE REAL FIRMIN MAHE", Investigation by  
special correspondents in Cote d'Ivoire Franck Joannes and Jean-  
Philippe Remy

\*\*\* LIBERATION 1/20/2006

- "UN THREATENS IVOIRIAN REGIME",
- "PRESIDENT'S CAMP PLAYS WORST CASE SCENARIO", interview with  
former prime minister Alassane Ouattara by Thomas Hofnung

\*\*\* LE MONDE 1/20/2006

- "THE END OF A FACE-TO-FACE RELATIONSHIP", unsigned editorial
- "TROUBLED COTE D'IVOIRE THREATENED WITH UN SANCTION", by  
special correspondent in Abidjan Jean-Philippe Remy
- "FRANCE SUGGESTS SANCTIONS SHOULD HIT INDIVIDUALS", by  
Philippe Bolopion in New York and Jean-Pierre Tuquo

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 1/20/2006

- "IVOIRAN RIOTERS GET SUPPORT FROM MILITARY", by Mark Boller  
in Abidjan
- "PRESIDENT GBAGBO'S OBSCURE STRATEGY", by Patrick de Saint  
Exupery
- "UN WARNING TO TROUBLEMAKERS", by Jean-Louis Turlin in New  
York

\*\*\* LIBERATION 1/19/2006

- "GBAGBO PLAYS HIS LAST CARD AGAINST INTERNATIONAL  
GUARDIANSHIP", by Judith Rueff
- "PATRIOTS TARGET UN AND FRANCE", AFP, Reuters

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 1/19/2006

- "UN CAUGHT IN IVOIRIAN TRAP"
- "LIKE FRANCE BEFORE HER, UN IS TRAPPED IN IVOIRIAN FIRE",  
AFP, Reuters
- "KOFI ANNAN WANTS TO DEPLOY BLUE HELMETS", by correspondent  
in New York Jean-Louis Turlin
- "IN ABIDJAN, PATRIOTS INVEST TV STATION", by Mark Boller in  
Abidjan
- "DANGEROUS ULTERIOR MOTIVES", by Patrick de Saint Exupery
- "LICORNE WITHDRAWAL IS NOT AN OPTION, SAYS BRIGITTE  
GIRARDIN", interview of French cooperation deputy minister with  
Patrick de Saint Exupery
- "IN FAVOR OF SANCTIONS", Editorial by Pierre Rousselin

\*\*\* LA CROIX 1/19/2006

- "GBAGBO SUSPECTED TO DIVERT COCOA BENEFITS", by Gwen  
Maiwaring
- "UN AND LICORNE HAVE 11,000 MEN ON THE GROUND", by Catherine  
Rebuffel

\*\*\* LE MONDE 1/19/2006

- "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WISHES TO SANCTION GBAGBO", by  
correspondent in New York Philippe Golopion
- "GBAGBO'S CAMP THREATENS PEACE PROCESS",
- "REPORT SHOWS REGIME'S MISMANAGEMENT OF COCOA/COFFEE TRADE",  
by special correspondent in Abidjan Jean-Phippe Remy

\*\*\* LIBERATION 1/18/2006

- "ABIDJAN PARALYSED BY PATRIOTS",

- "GBAGBO MAKES A PILE WITH COCOA", by Thomas Hofnung
- "THE COCOA POT", editorial by Patrick Sabatier

\*\*\* LA CROIX 1/19/2006

- "ABIDJAN TAKEN HOSTAGE BY PATRIOTS", by Laurent d'Ersu

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 1/18/2006

- "GBAGBO'S PARTY PULLS OUT OF THE PEACE PROCESS", by Karene Bassompierre in Abidjan

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- "DAYS OF FEVER IN ABIDJAN"
- "MR GBAGBO'S PATRIOTS ARE ANGRY AT PARLIAMENT DISSOLUTION AND PARALYSE ABIDJAN", by special correspondent in Abidjan Jean-Philippe Remy

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- "ABIDJAN UNDER SIEGE", signed T.H.

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- "GBAGBO'S PATRIOTS PARALYSE ABIDJAN", by Karene Bassompierre

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 1/16/2006

- "LAURENT GBAGBO IS WEAKENED BY HIS PRIME MINISTER", by special correspondent in Abidjan Patrick de Saint-Exupery

### 13. AFRICAN UNION

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- "AFRICAN UNION'S GROTESQUE SUMMIT", by Christophe Ayad

### 14. MALI/SOCIAL FORUM

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- "AFRICA INTENDS BAMAKO TO BE AN ANSWER TO DAVOS", by special correspondent in Bamako Philippe Bernard

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- "FROM AFRICA, OUT AND LOUD",
- "TO INTRODUCE SOME DOUBT IN DECISION-MAKERS'MINDS", Interview with former Malian minister Aminata traore by special correspondent in Bamako Christian Losson

\*\*\* LA CROIX 1/19/2006

- "SOCIAL FORUM EXPLORES THREE CONTINENTS", by Pierre Cochez

### 15. DROC

\*\*\* LIBERATION 1/13/2006

- "CONGOLESE JOURNALIST ABOUT TO BE AIR-DEPORTED TO KINSHASA", by Mourad Guichard

### 16. LIBERIA

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 1/17/2006

- "ELLEN JOHNSON-SIRLEAF AT THE HELM OF A WEAK AND DRAINED LIBERIA", by special correspondent in Monrovia Patrick de Saint-Exupery
- "FIRST LADY IN SUPPORT OF GEORGE. W.", by correspondent in Washington Philippe Gelie

\*\*\* LIBERATION 1/17/2006

- "A QUARTER OF LIBERIAN NATIONAL BUDGET SLIPS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S FINGERS", by Christophe Ayad

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- "JOHNSON SIRLEAF CARRIES ALL LIBERIANS'HOPES", by special correspondent in Monrovia Stephane Auvray

### 17. SOUTH AFRICA

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- "CRISIS WITHIN PRETORIA'S RULING PARTY",
- "JACOB ZUMA, ANTI-APARTHEID FALLEN HERO", by Caroline Dumay in Johannesburg

### 18. SUDAN

\*\*\* LE MONDE 1/15-16/2006

- "SUDANESE CAIRO ORDEAL NOT OVER", by special correspondent in Cairo Cecile Hennion

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